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**SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES
LAUNCHING OF VOTER ID EDUCATION CAMPAIGN**

Bismarck, N.D. – The Election Division of the Secretary of State's office and the Education Committee for the Help America Vote Act of 2002 have unveiled a statewide campaign to educate voters about a new requirement when they come to vote on June 8. According to Secretary of State Al Jaeger, voters in North Dakota will be asked to present identification, as the result of a new law passed by the 2003 Legislative Assembly.

Acceptable forms of identification must include the voter's name and his or her residential address, which must identify a physical location where the voter lives. The identification cannot just list a post office box as the voter's address. A post office box only indicates where the voter receives his or her mail and not the residence where they actually live.

Forms of identification that will be accepted by poll workers are:

- Valid North Dakota Drivers License
- Valid State Identification Card
- Valid Federally Issued Identification Card: e.g., passport, agency identification card
- Valid Tribal Government Issued Identification Card
- Valid Student Identification Card
- Valid United States Military Identification Card
- Utility bill dated 30 days prior to Election day with name and residential address
- Change of address verification letter from the US postal Service

However, even without identification, no eligible voter will be denied the right to vote. "Eligible voters without identification have two options," Jaeger states. "If an election poll worker knows that the voter is a qualified elector of the precinct, they can vouch for that person and allow them to vote. Or, a person can complete a Voter's Affidavit in which the voter, under oath, certifies his or her identity and that they are a resident of that precinct."

For those persons that might need an identification card, a state non-driver card can be obtained through the North Dakota Department of Transportation or one of their automated driver's license sites.

The statewide education campaign will include handouts, bookmarks, posters, billboards, and radio and newspaper advertising.

Voters can also contact their county auditor, the Secretary of State's Election Division, or access Secretary of State websites at www.state.nd.us/sec or www.discovernd.com/hava.